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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend page 1 of the specification by adding the following paragraph prior to the subtitle "Background of the Invention":

-- This application is a continuation under 35 U.S.C. 120 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/479,393, filed on January 6, 2000, and now U.S. Patent No. 6,625,934, which patent is herein expressly incorporated by reference. --

Please insert the following paragraph between lines 11 and 12 on page 4 of the specification:

-- Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional side view of the environmental monitoring system access enclosure of Figs. 1 and 2, wherein it has been installed through a structure wall in accordance with the principles of the present invention. --

Please amend the paragraphs on page 6, lines 3-17, to read as follows:

-- In operation, as shown particularly in Fig. 3, when it is desired to provide environmental monitoring of an elevator hoistway or shaft 28 (~~not shown~~), a suitable opening 29 is created in a fire-rated wall 30 adjacent to the hoistway 28, between the hoistway and an adjacent corridor or room 32. The access panel portion 12 is installed into the opening 29 in a secure and fire-tight manner, as is well known in the art of the installation of fire-rated access panels, so that the fire protection rating of the wall is not compromised. When properly installed, the cage 20 will extend outwardly into the hoistway 28, as shown in Fig. 3. Thus, when the environmental sensing device 26 is operational, it is positioned directly in the hoistway in order to enable detection of smoke and/or heat within the hoistway, in accordance with fire codes and regulations.

With the inventive installation, maintenance or fire personnel can maintain or assess the operability of a sensor 26 which monitors an elevator hoistway 28, merely by

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opening the access door 16 of the enclosure 10. This permits access to the sensor 26 from an easily accessible hallway or room 32, avoiding the need to shut down the associated elevator and gain access to the sensor directly through the elevator hoistway.

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